

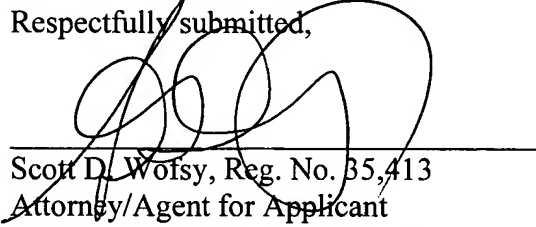
**REMARKS**

The subject application is the national phase application of PCT/EP03/014142 filed December 12, 2003, which claims priority to an earlier filed German Patent Application No. 102 58 448.6 filed December 13, 2002.

By this amendment, original Claims 1-8 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, and in general, to place the claims in condition for examination. No new matter has been presented by these amendments. Early and favorable consideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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